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YEARS**  
of  
Continuous  
Club Activity!

**W9RHH**  
CLUB CALL

For Information on HAM RADIO or Our Club - CALL **466-HAMS**

**THE NEXT MRAC MEETING**

Date: **Thursday - June 24, 1993**

Time: **7:30 P.M.**

Place: **Wauwatosa Savings and Loan at 75th and State in Wauwatosa**

Program: This year our **Annual Meeting** has been moved to June 24, 1993, and will consist of the **Election** of three people to the **Board of Directors** (so far we have three candidates for the office) and **Auction**. Travis Baird - W9VQD will be the Auctioneer. So, bring whatever you have to the June 24th meeting. Your junk just may become a treasure to someone else. You never can tell.

July Meeting: **July 29, 1993**

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

The Club would like to thank Jim Tromblay WB9LNU for talking on fox hunting at our last meeting. This could be another fun summer highlighter for the Club to get involved in. So, if you are interested, please let Jim know. Let's give it a try!

Travis, our First V.P., will run the auction at our June annual meeting. Now is the time to bring that gem you would rather have cash for. This is always a fun meeting. Our election for three new Directors will also be held, so please show up to vote.

This is our field day issue. This month's Field Day should be a very fun event. I hope that a lot of you plan on stopping in on the gang, even if it is only for an hour or two. The Committee has put a lot of time into this event, and we would definitely like to put on a good show for the Boy Scouts who will be visiting "our campsite".

Thanks to Bessie Beider - N9QIT for the rotor donation. Our Club will now rotate with power at Field Day. It's been fixed and cleaned by WB9LNU.

I definitely suggest that you don't miss the article on FM and Mr. Armstrong in the June issue of QST. Once again, hams were involved in part of the history.

For the doubters, it looks like not everyone thinks 220 is dead, a new 220 repeater is now on the air (224.96 - offset). It is, thus obvious that MRAC is dragging its feet - Let's do it!

**JUNE - 1993**

**CLUB OFFICERS:**

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73 *Edward Wille*

Ed - W9PWG



## MILWAUKEE AREA NET INFORMATION

DAY	TIME	MHZ	ACTIVITY
DAILY	6-8 AM	14.290	Wisconsin/Florida Net
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	9:00 PM	145.130	MAAF... itable
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	9:00 PM	28.400	W9RH on the air MRAC Club Station Net
SAT	9:00 PM	146.910	Saturday Nite Fun Net
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8 The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact: Pancho KA9OFA. 344-4694

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Pancho;

It is a real pleasure to receive the Chatter Bulletin. I am most interested to see some old timers still in there. Travis, W9VQD, has auctioned off more trash or treasures than any one else. Keep it up. Fred, W9NZF, has stored more memorabilia than all the rest of us. Although Travis is not far behind. Jack, W9JK, is very active with tests. All of the guys, I think were there when I joined the club in 1953. Also a lot of the credit goes to some that are silent keys. Al Belanger, W9MDG was president, when at a meeting, 10 would be present. Some one suggested that a school for the then popular "CB" fad was on, and maybe some would like to upgrade. He and Charley Kaetel, W9TEL, took the ball and started that school. I think it is still a success.

One more that must be remembered is Chet Sakura, W9CTI, who did do the masthead of the Chatter, as well as being its editor. He had as much trouble getting news as you.

By the way, there is a small net you have not listed, the all but extinct two meter emergency net. Some old timers are still going on Monday nights 8:00pm on 146.445.

*Dick*

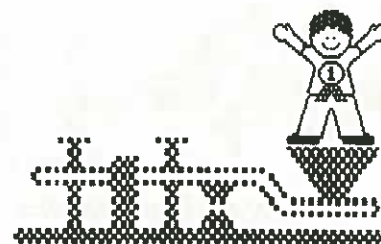
73, Dick-W9ZPV

### Notes from the Editor

I appologize to Jim Tromblay - WB9LNU for inadvertently giving his call to Wayne Schrupe - N9RXB.

I also appologize to Carlos Barron for a typo. His call is actually N9MYL.

73's  
*Pancho*  
Pancho - KA9OFA



## FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

### Wednesday Exams

All Grades MRAC VEC \*

Third Wed. of each month at 6:30 pm

Village at Manor Park (was Methodist Manor)

3023 S. 84th St.

Milwaukee, WI

Walk-ins are welcome, but preregistration is requested if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

c/o Jack Krause-W9JK

1737 N. 116th St.

Wauwatosa, WI 53226

c/o Les Peterson - W9TCV

or 9741 W. Howard

Greenfield, WI 53228

For more information call:

466-HAMS

### Saturday Exams \*

Last Saturday of Each Month

at 8:30 am

at Wauwatosa S&L

7500 W. State St. Wauwatosa

### SWAT TEAM Exams \*

2nd SAT of each month

at 1:00pm

Next testing April 10, 1993.

Wauwatosa S&L

6560 S. 27th ST.

Oak Creek, WI

Enter the north end of the building,  
downstairs and follow the signs.

JUN.....12

OCT.....9

JUL.....10

NOV.....13

SEP.....11

DEC.....11

For more info call:

KB9QL - Norman McNew (414) 764-5998

or AA9DO - Joe Mettry (414) 761-9219.

\* Bring your license (if any) and 2 copies  
also the same for CSCE's you may have.  
Originals will be returned to you.  
**\$5.00 charge for exams for ALL  
classes of license.**

## FIELD DAY '93

JUST AROUND THE CORNER by Wayne Schrube - N9RXB 774-8729

June 26 and 27 is the day for this year's 1993 ARRL Field Day with transmitting beginning noon on Saturday and ending noon on Sunday. Boy Scout Camp Lazynski at Silver Lake in Oconomowoc will be the host site for Field Day operations.

Three tents, three 110 volt AC generators, two Club rigs, and a tripod tower with rotatable beam antenna will be available for Club use. Also, CW, Packet, SSB, and other modes will be set up for anyone interested in running these types of transmission. Remember, extra points are given to anyone who has Solar power capabilities.

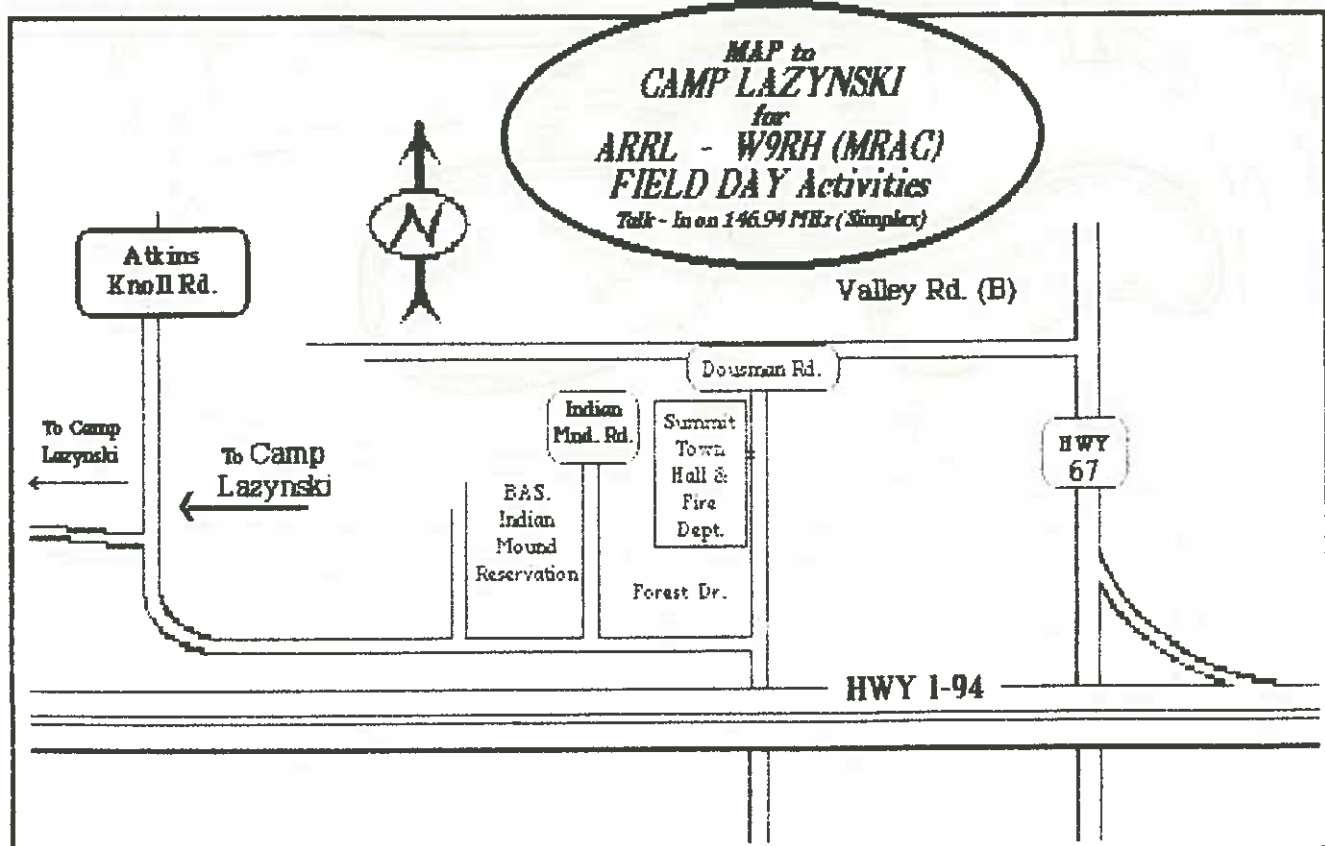
When visiting, please bring your own headphones and chairs. If spending the night, plan to bring your own camp gear. One meal will be provided Saturday even-

ing. The rest of the time you are there, you are responsible for your own food and beverages. Because Field day operations are held outdoors, remember to "Be Prepared" for the weather or possible change of weather (After all - this is Wisconsin). A good idea would be to bring insect repellent and rain gear.

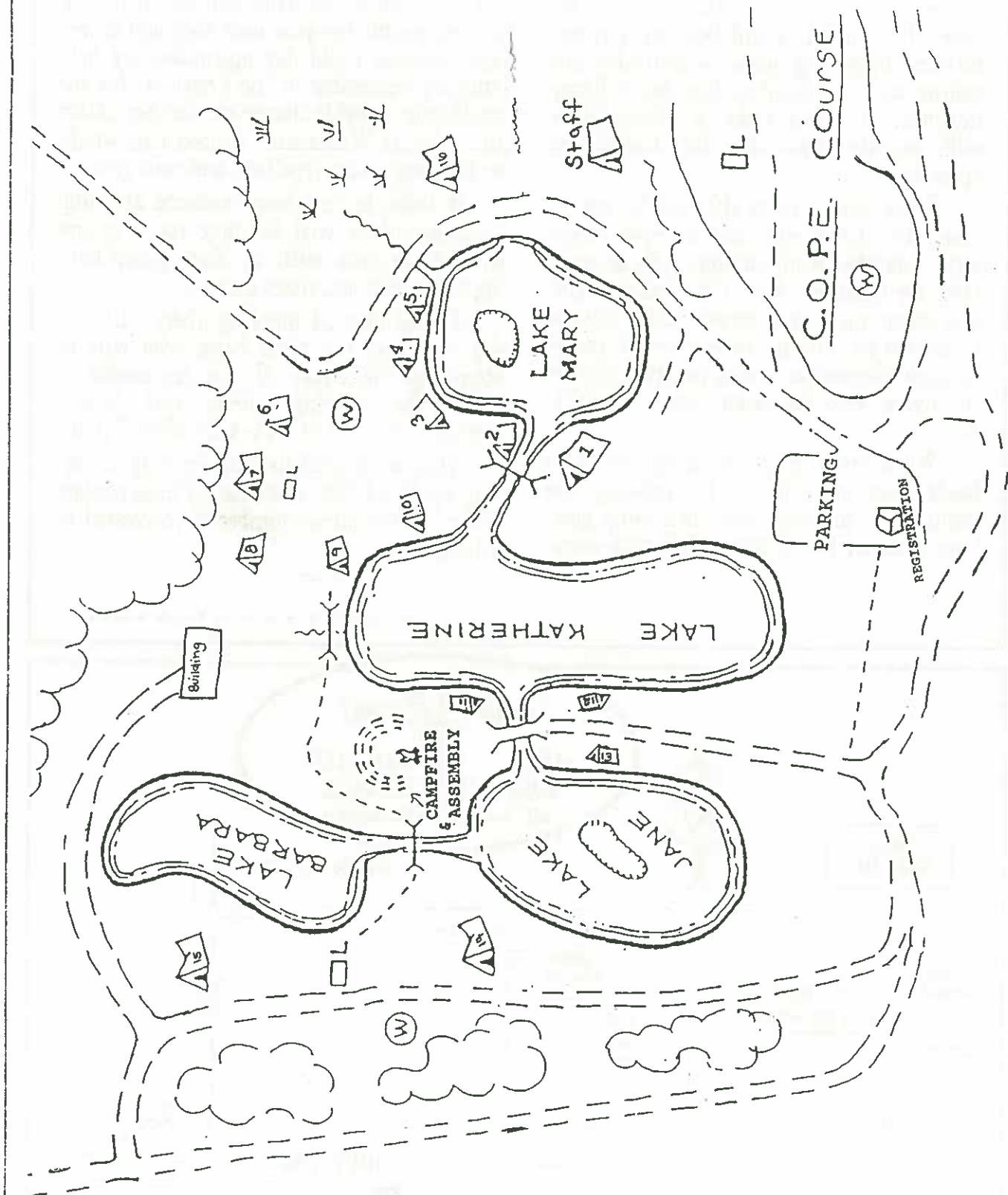
It looks to be a busy weekend at Camp Lazynski, there will be three youth groups sharing the park with us. Each group having their own activities planned.

At the June 24 meeting, there will be a sign up sheet for those hams who will be attending Field Day. If you are unable to make the meeting, please call Wayne Schrube - N9RXB at 744-8729 after 7 p.m.

Also, we're still looking for help in setting up Field Day operations. Please contact Wayne at the above number if interested in helping.



# MRAC Field Day Area Map





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## Other Club Meetings

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West Allis Radio Amateur Club  
Meets the second Tuesday of each month  
at 8:00 p.m.

At St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
7929 W. Lincoln Ave.  
West Allis, WI

Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club  
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.  
at 703 N. 39th St., just north of and almost under  
the former Wis. Ave. viaduct.  
For info contact; Art - WA9AWJ  
(found daily on the 145.13 repeater).

## WINE & PUG

(Wisconsin Node Enthusiasts & Packet Users Group)  
Third Saturday of each month  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Mykonos Restaurant  
8501 W. Capitol  
Milwaukee, WI

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## CLUB ACTIVITIES

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### W9RH- TEN METER NET

Come on up and join us on W9RH  
Ten Meter Net on Friday evenings at  
9:00 PM at approximately 28.4 MHz.  
We'd like to meet you there.

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Y'all come! to the  
**MRAC HAM BREAKFAST**  
every Saturday morning  
at 8:30 o'clock.  
**Maxim's Restaurant**  
9143 W. Appleton Ave.  
(corner of 91st St.  
and Appleton Ave.  
near Timmerman Field)

Prices are reasonable, the food - good,  
and the company - excellent.

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### Friday Evening CQ Food

First Friday of the month Fishfry  
Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma  
Call; Warren - K9IZV  
on th 146.91 - offset

for reservations by Noon on that FR!  
Other Fridays  
Check in 5:00 pm  
Decision & finalization at 6:00pm  
and meet at CQ Food destination at  
7:00pm

Other CQ Foods on a random basis  
also called on this repeater  
"CQ Food" on WA9JOB 146.91 Repeater

## NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for  
the newsletter should be received  
by the editor no later than the first  
of the month of publication. If re-  
ceived after the first of the month,  
its inclusion in that month's edition  
cannot be guaranteed. Your coop-  
eration is appreciated.

Please mail submissions to:

**Hamateur Chatter**

c/o Pancho Doneis, KA90FA  
1958 N. 38th St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53208

You may also call me at:  
**344-4694.**

Thanks to our news contributors this month:

**W9PWG N9RXB W9ZPV**



## A FITTING SIGNOFF TO A HAM

by Pancho Doneis - KA90I

Walter Fitting - W9OI was one of us (Hams). He recently became a si-  
lent key, but before things got too complicated and cumbersome, he did  
something all of us should consider doing.

What was this earth shattering act?

He made a list - not a complicated list, but it made things much easier  
for his wife, Pearl and the others who helped close the books on his Ham  
station. He had many things (Ham gear, test equipment, books, magazines,  
antique equipment, etc.), which could have made it much more difficult  
for Pearl.

Now, Hams are known to be list makers (computerized or paper &  
pencil). Dust off those computers, sharpen the pencils, crayons or what  
have you. This one act could take a lot of the pain out of a painful situa-  
tion for the survivors.

How many of you have even attempted listing your electronic gear  
as well as your other Hobby equipment and valuables?

Such a list could include:

- \* Brand name
- \* Type of equipment
- \* Location of equipment (shack, work shop, garage, vehicle etc.)
- \* Model number
- \* Serial number
- \* Approximate date of purchase
- \* Your approximate cost of equipment
- \* Approximate current value (be realistic)
- \* Name of a possible contact (close friend who may know something  
about the equipment or Ham club contact) along with phone number.

All of this information could be a godsend to those who might admin-  
ister the estate.

This list has benefits beyond those mentioned. It could be helpful with  
the future of your Ham station (purchases, sales, modifications, insur-

ance premi-  
um of this writer.

It could include the name and phone number of someone who is  
associated with a ham club.

At an appropriate time Pearl was contacted by Ed Wille - W9PWG  
(our illustrious president) to see if he could be of assistance with  
deciding what to do with W9OI's treasures. She indicated that Ed could  
indeed help her with this task.

So, Ed made several trips to the home of the Fittings with several  
Ham friends (some of them had known Walter rather well) to see  
what kind of arrangements could be made.

Ed Wille, Fred Linn, Jim Tromblay and I made one of those trips.  
Ed picked up an antenna and some books, Fred Linn picked up some  
antique tubes, books and telegraph equipment, Jim Tromblay latched  
on to an antenna tuner, an old light bulb, and a couple of other doo-  
dads, and I came away with an HF Xceiver. I would say that there was  
a plethora of bargains (not only for us Hams, but also for Pearl. We all  
came away with some treasures and Mrs. Fitting was able to turn an  
obsolete (at least to her) hobby into some added space and some cash.  
And ALL had a good time reminiscing.

There is still quite a bit of gear there including a rotary Spark  
Xmitter, a MultiElmac Receiver, Hallicrafters SX88 receiver, etc. (ac-  
tually much too much to even list here). Anyone interested in any of  
the gear still in the estate, please give Ed Wille a call on the landline.

The point is that Walter Fitting - W9OI thought enough of his loved  
ones to kind of smooth the way a little before things got tough, by  
listing his treasures while he could. Because of his thoughtfulness, a  
difficult situation was made a little easier.

I haven't finished my list yet, but I have started. How about you?  
Don't forget to update it periodically.

I would say that W9OI made a Fitting station signoff, wouldn't you?

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## \*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

\* Signifies VE Testing

### South Milwaukee Swapfest \*

SAT - JULY 10, 1993  
OAK Creek, WI  
T/I 146.58 Simp.

### Eau Claire HamFest-93 \*

SAT - July 24, 1993  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
T/I on 146.91/31 Rptr.

### Fox River Radio League's 1993 Hamfest \*

SUN - AUG 1, 1993  
Sugar Grove, IL  
T/I on 145.470 -600 Rptr

### Radio Expo \*

SAT - SEP 25th &  
SUN - SEP 26th, 1993  
Grayslake, IL  
T/I on 146.16/.76 Rptr

### KMRA Swapfest \*

SUN - OCT 10, 1993  
Waukesha EXPO center  
Waukesha, WI  
T/I on 147.39+ Rptr

### WARAC Swapfest

SUN - JAN 9, 1994  
Waukesha, WI

*Put your SwapFest Here -  
Tell us about it*

## Special ARRL FIELD DAY EMPHASIS

Celebrating

**75 Years!**

of Continuous Club Activity.

THIS MEETING

THU - June 24, 1993

at 7:30 PM

Wauwatosa

Savings and Loan

See Inside.

July Meeting - July 29<sup>th</sup>



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